

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2017**

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Bruno, Clark, Droscha, Ferris, Mulvany, Waltz
Absent: Councilmember: None
Also present: Deborah S. Stuart, City Administrator
Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting: December 19, 2016

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to approve the December 19, 2016 Minutes as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

Approval of Bills

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to approve the Bills as presented in the amount of \$593,113.95.

MOTION APPROVED

Councilmember Clark stated that it has been his pleasure to serve on Council and for the residents of Mason for 24 years. He shared what he learned during his years on Council and his manner of serving as a Councilmember. He spoke of the technological progress for broadcasting meetings. Finally, he expressed gratitude to city staff and employees for their support and hard work. He gave great honor to Administrator Deborah Stuart for her success in her first year and her goals for the future.

Councilmember Mulvany congratulated the new Councilmembers and spoke of his many years of public service with fond memories.

ADJOURN SINE DIE – 2015/2016 COUNCIL

The 2015/2016 City Council adjourned sine die at 7:44 p.m. Stuart stated that it is customary to turn the meeting over to the City Clerk at the adjournment sine die.

OATH OF OFFICE

Cwiertniewicz administered the oath of office to Elaine Ferris, Angela Madden, Rita Vogel, and Russell Whipple.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM FOR 2017-2020

Cwiertniewicz opened nominations for the office of Mayor.

Droscha nominated Russell Whipple for Mayor.

Ferris nominated Mike Waltz for Mayor.

Cwiertniewicz closed the nominations for the office of Mayor and called the vote.

Whipple: (4) Droscha, Vogel, Madden, Whipple

Waltz: (3) Brown, Ferris, Waltz

RUSSELL WHIPPLE ELECTED MAYOR

Cwierniewicz opened nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem.

Droscha nominated Marlon Brown for Mayor Pro Tem.

Ferris nominated Michael Waltz for Mayor Pro Tem.

Cwierniewicz closed nominations and called the vote.

Brown (5) Brown, Droscha, Madden, Vogel, Whipple
Waltz (2) Ferris, Waltz

MARLON BROWN ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEM

Cwierniewicz turned the meeting over to Mayor Whipple.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brass Quintet, Hand Bell Choir, and Pipe Organ Concert – First United Methodist Church – January 22, 2017.
- Mayor Pro Tem Brown thanked his fellow Councilmembers for choosing him to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem, and he welcomed the new Council members.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Brown stated that he has requested that the next meeting agenda include a discussion regarding Council rules and procedures.

LIAISON REPORTS

No reports at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Ferris reported that she has been attending Mason Service Coalition. The organization will present a crowd funding proposal on January 19 that will be open to the public.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Stuart informed the Council regarding current City business. She stated that there will be a workshop prior to the next regular meeting to review the changes to the rules. The City Attorney will be in attendance to discuss recent case law to the Open Meetings Act. The new fire truck arrived and was sitting in front of City Hall before and during the meeting. There was a water main break this morning that impacted businesses located on the west side of Cedar Street, from Curtis Street to Kerns Road, and Kerns Road from Cedar Street. A "Boil Water Advisory" is in effect for those businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

Russell W. Whipple, Mayor